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Committee: Mrs. H. H. Belfield, Chairman; Miss Elizabeth G. Ross, Secretary; Miss Elizabeth C. Alling, Treasurer; Mrs. James B. Herrick, Miss Wilomene T. White.

It is desirable that the work accomplished by THE PRESBY-TERIAN HOSPITAL should be known to its friends; but it is impossible for many, perhaps the great majority, of them to visit it and learn by personal observation what it is doing. Therefore, it has been decided to issue this BULLETIN, in the hope that it may serve to bind more closely to the Hospital those who are giving it their thought, their time, their means and their prayers, and that it may, also, interest some to whom the name PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL has been only a name. Surely, after a quarter of a century of successful philanthropic work among the sick and needy of all shades of beliefs, and of no belief, the PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL may present its claim for recognition as one of the city's great agencies for good.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL of Chicago originated with the Trustees and Faculty of Rush Medical College, who in 1879 purchased a site for a hospital, and voted to raise \$15,000 for the erection of a building. Having in mind the success of the Presbyterian Hospitals of New York and Philadelphia, the authorities of the College decided to try to interest in the project the Presbyterian churches of Chicago, of Illinois, and of the Northwest. Dr. Joseph P. Ross, himself a Presbyterian, a member of the Faculty of Rush, and an enthusiastic and untiring worker for the Hospital, secured from his wife's father, Mr. Tuthill King, a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago, a donation of ten thousand dollars. The PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL SOCIETY was incorporated in 1883, to which Society the Trustees of the College deeded the lot which had been purchased, and the unfinished building, upon which \$25,000 had been expended. Plans for a modern hospital building, to contain 300 beds, were adopted, and the co-operation of the Presbyterian churches in the city was enlisted. This building—the Ross—containing 45 beds, was finished September, 1884, at a cost of \$32,000.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Social Union in February, 1884, the enterprise was heartily endorsed. Interest was aroused in the United Presbyterian, the Welsh Presbyterian, and the Reformed Dutch churches. At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers in April, 1885, it was reported that donations of money had been received from various Presbyterian churches in the Northwest, and that beds had been endowed for one year by the First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth, Hyde Park and Jefferson Park churches of Chicago; that Sabbath schools were assisting, and that the churches of the city had selected the last Sunday in November as Hospital Sunday. This date was afterward changed by

Presbytery to Easter Sunday.

In 1887 the Hamill wing was finished, increasing the capacity to 85 patients.

In 1889 the Jones Memorial building was completed, making a total

of 225 beds.

The latest addition, the Private Pavilion, of 58 rooms, was opened in October, 1908.

In 1884, the Ladies' Aid Society, now known as The Woman's

Auxiliary Board, was organized.

In 1904, the Training School for Nurses was established, and housed in the home purchased on Ashland Boulevard and Congress Street.

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The Private Pavilion, which was dedicated November 29, 1909, is an illustration of "the most modern and substantial fireproof construction. While nothing has been expended for ornament, nothing has been spared for utility, all approved appliances for hospital purposes to date are installed in the building, which has been carefully planned for the sole purpose of obtaining the best results in the care of the sick, with the most economical, efficient administration."

This Pavilion and the new Power House, erected at the same time, cost, including furnishing, \$390,000. They form one-half of a comprehensive plan, which includes a new building to take the place of the

Ross-Hamill wing, to cost \$125,000. When the plan shall be completed, the entire block bounded by Congress Street, Wood Street, Hermitage Avenue and Harrison Street, will, with the exception of that portion of the block on which stands Rush Medical College, be occupied by the

Hospital. The Hospital already owns the ground.

The Private Pavilion is designed for pay patients only, and is thus an endowment, contributing means to aid in the charity work of the Hospital. It conforms to all the most modern hospital requirements, a few of which are here enumerated: Ventilation apparatus, furnishing an ample supply of pure air of proper temperature; water (as in the other buildings), filtered and sterilized, and the drinking water cooled; refrigerator boxes cooled from a central plant; vacuum cleaning system; complete hydro-therapeutic plant; diet kitchen, with class-room for pupil nurses; sun parlor on the roof, with kitchen and serving room. The Pavilion may be used by any reputable physician.

The medical staff of the Hospital is chosen from the staff of Rush Medical College. The internes, fourteen in number, are the best students in the Senior class of Rush, and pass the examination of the State Medical Board before entering upon their duties in the Hospital.

The doors of the Hospital are open to all patients except those suffering from contagious diseases. Emergency cases, such as those resulting from accidents, and serious illness, are admitted day or night. Whether or not such eases should be placed upon the free list is decided later; the first thing is relief.

During the existence of the Hospital 52,150 patients have been admitted, an average of about 2,000 a year. Last year 3,617 were treated, of whom 30 per cent paid nothing, 50 per cent paid part of their expenses, and 20 per cent paid in full. The amount expended in charity last year was \$79,469.00; 2.600 poor people were treated last year in the Hospital.

But charity work is not confined to patients in the Hospital. Last year the Hospital physicians and nurses made 1,017 visits to sick families who could not come to the Hospital nor pay for medical treatment. The work of these good Samaritans is not confined to medical treatment and nursing; through the Hospital Superintendent last year they obtained food and fuel from the Bureau of Charities and from the Relief and Aid Society for several families.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD.

The Woman's Auxiliary meets in the Chapel at the Hospital the

first Monday of each month, except July and August, at 11 a. m.

To supply sheets, pillow-cases, napkins, blankets, quilts, flannel, cotton, rugs, household and nursing utensils; to furnish the kitchens, to provide crockery and glass, brooms and brushes, the thousand and one items demanded by the housekeeping of this great establishment, is the immense task assumed by the Ladies' Aid Society, now known as The Woman's Auxiliary Board. When sheets are bought by the thousand, napkins by the hundred dozen, blankets by the hundreds of pairs, the need of collecting ten thousand dollars a year becomes apparent.

This collection and disbursement of thousands of dollars is not all of the burden cheerfully carried. The variety of the work of the Woman's Board is indicated by the following list of committees, into which, in addition to the Executive Committee, the Board is organized:

The Furnishing Committee, The Delicacy Committee, The Library Committee,

The Devotional and Visiting Committee, The Associate Membership Committee,

Social Committee,

The Nurses' School Committee.

At the May (1909) meeting the following committees were constituted, showing something of the enlarged plans of the Board for the future:

The Hamill Needlework Guild Committee—Mrs. Henry Hackney,

Chairman.

The Chicago Children's Benefit League Committee—Mrs. W. J. Camp-

oell, Chairman.

The Church Hospital Day's Association Committee—Mrs. John Balcom Shaw, Chairman.

The Social Service Committee—Mrs. Truman W. Brophy, Chairman. The Hospital Bulletin Committee—Mrs. H. H. Belfield, Chairman.

The object of the Hamill Needlework Guild Committee is twofold: First—To perpetuate the name of Mrs. Charles D. Hamill, who for eleven years was President of the Woman's Board. Two philanthrophies engaged Mrs. Hamill's interest in the latter years of her life, the Presbyterian Hospital and the Needlework Guild of America, of which for a number of years she was the National President as well as President of the Chicago Branch. It seems most fitting that these two interests should be united in the work of this Board. The second object of this Committee is to collect through the Needlework Guild articles suitable for furnishings, and such as may be used at Christmas time.

The Chicago Children's Benefit League Committee of this Hospital

The Chicago Children's Benefit League Committee of this Hospital has for its object the raising of money for the children's work in the hospital. A general Tag Day has been planned for Tuesday, October 19,

of this year.

The Church Hospital Day's Association Committee is also organized for the purpose of collecting money. Its plans are not yet announced.

The purpose of the Social Service Committee will appeal to the hearts of all familiar with hospital work. To make its work most effective every hospital should have some person or persons to follow to their homes the out-going poor patients and minister to them in their homes. Food, clothing, care may be necessary, or change of air, especially in case of tubercular patients. To supplement the usual work of the hospital is the purpose of this Committee; and already fourteen ladies have volunteered to serve on it. Some voluntary contributions have been made, and the Board has appropriated twelve hundred dollars for the use of the Committee. It has been decided to begin with three classes of patients: Children, maternity cases and diseases of the chest. A trained nurse has been employed to visit the homes and teach sanitation and hygiene there. The members of the Committee will visit the homes, and will endeavor to secure the co-operation of existing charitable organizations.

THE SCHOOL FOR NURSES

In 1902 the Board of Managers decided that the Institution would organize its own school to do the nursing of the hospital. April first of the following year a superintendent, a domestic science instructor and a class of twenty pupils were installed in the house on Ashland Boulevard and Congress Street, which had been purchased, renovated and properly equipped to form the nucleus of the Nurses' Home.

The new school was organized in the most modern method, with such conditions as are being sought after by the modern ambitious schools of nursing. The six months' preliminary course of instruction was installed; the eight-hour day of practical nursing was decided upon; all evening class and lecture work was discarded; remuneration of the nurse for her services was done away with; instead the student was charged a fee, and in return offered a good professional education and the rank of a student.

Rush Medical College was most generous in its offers of assistance, with the result that the expense of the use of laboratories, of instructors for laboratory work, for massage and similar instruction has been assumed by the College.

This action on the part of the College and the most loyal assistance and support of the staff of the Hospital, have assured for the students a superior technical education and have brought to the school a success which, otherwise, would have been impossible.

It being necessary to undertake the nursing of the patients in the Hospital before the pupils of the school were prepared for this responsible work, a large corps of graduate nurses was admitted, who, under the charge of graduate nurse supervisors, gradually assumed more and more of the nursing of the hospital, and finally took entire charge of the work, when, on December 31, 1903, the Illinois Training School, which had carried on the nursing of the institution for over fifteen years, removed its nurses from the wards of the hospital.

To accommodate this large number of graduate nurses and the additional classes which entered the school each six months, three additional houses were made ready, in quick succession, and a building with thirty-three bedrooms was put up, making a total accommodation in the Home of one hundred and ten beds.

The recent erection of the Private Pavilion of the hospital, adding greatly to the nursing work of the institution, has caused a further enlargement of the nursing staff, with a subsequent urgent need for increased accommodation in our Home.

During the year just ended the total average number of nurses has been one hundred and twenty-two; of these one hundred and two were pupils in training, twenty-three of them being in the preliminary department. This number includes those taking optional training in the Elgin Insane Asylum or in the contagious wards of the Cook County Hospital.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY BOARD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL.

May 3, 1909.

A few weeks ago this Board received with deep sorrow and a painful sense of loss the news of the death of Mrs. Susan Walbridge Hamill, the honored and devoted President of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the

Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. Hamill was born in 1837 in Ithaca, New York, her father being Judge Walbridge, Member of Congress, and Judge of the New York State Circuit Court. Mrs. Hamill came to Chicago in 1860 to teach in the old Dearborn Seminary. Within a year after her arrival she was married to Charles Davisson Hamill, son of Dr. Robert Hamill, a leading physician in Chicago, and one of the founders of the Presbyterian Hospital. Mrs. Hamill was a resident of Chicago for forty-nine years, during which time she was active in charitable and church work. She joined the First Presbyterian Church immediately upon her arrival in Chicago, and attended services there as long as her health permitted.

For two years she was President of the Fortnightly and for the last ten years was National President of the Needlework Guild of America.

an organization intimately connected with hospital work.

For twelve years she was President of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of the Presbyterian Hospital, and gave to it freely and gladly of her strength, her time and her substance. To Mrs. Hamilt's foresight and energy we mainly owe the establishment of our Nurses' Training School, which has to a large extent increased the efficiency of the hospital work. Mrs. Hamilt was an exceedingly strong and positive character, a woman of fine judgment and governed by high principle. These characteristics she showed in her work for the hospital.

We beg leave to present the following resolutions:

Resolved. That while we deplore the loss of our President, who has presided over our Hospital Board for twelve years, we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father in calling her from the scene of her

earthly labors to her eternal reward.

Resolved, We shall cherish the memory of our association with her, and of her counsel and co-operation in the work of the Hospital. And while we shall regret to see her no more in the work in which she took such a lively interest, we are thankful for the hope we have that she has gone to join the General Assembly and Church of the first-born which are written in Heaven.

Resolved. That we extend to the family of our late President the

assurance of our earnest prayers to God in their behalf.

Resolved. That these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of the Board, and a copy of them be sent to the family of the deceased.

Signed by Mrs. Willis G. Craig, Chairman. Endorsed by Mrs. O. S. Newell, Mrs. D. W. Graham.

THE POOR BABY TALKS.

"Do you know what a 'hare-lip' is? When I was born I had a double one, and no palate either. So I could not suck my bottle at all. My mother used to give me a few drops of milk from a spoon; but that isn't the proper way for a tiny baby to eat. So because I could not get enough food, I didn't grow, nor sleep because I was so hungry all the time. My lip did not hurt me, but I was so very miserable I cried a great deal.

"My mother would rock me, and my six brothers and sisters would take turns jiggling me to make me quiet, but nobody could really make me better. My mother did not like to take me to a doctor because it was so cold she had to buy coal, and pay the rent and give the other children things to eat. And there wasn't much money. Even my little bit of milk cost something, though my mother bought the cheapest kind

she could.





Baby as It Entered the Hospital.

Baby as It Left the Hospital.

"One day a lady came, asked some questions, went away, and then came back to say that the nice man at the Presbyterian Hospital said they could make me better there and to bring me at once. My mother did not want to leave me, but they told her that no one should cut me all up, they would just make me able to eat, grow big and strong and some day I could help my mother.

"So she cried, but she left me. At first I did not like it one bit. You see I was used to being rocked and jiggled, so when the nurse left me alone in the crib I yelled as loud as I could. The other babies

heard me and they cried, too. We made an awful noise.

"But a nice doctor man came and a surgeon man, and they did different things to me, and my mouth felt very queer. After a long time, (I don't know when, for I slept a good deal, and dreamed about pussycats and other lovely things), they put something soft between my lips and I sucked it. The taste that came through was so good! It was

better than all the cracker-jack, pop and all-day suckers that my brothers and sisters eat. It was even better than an ice cream cone. And the kind nurse—I liked her now—said, 'Why, that baby can actually take its bottle."

"And I could. I grew fat and big, and so happy. I knew I might not be as pretty as some babies, but I felt so good I did not care

"After a long time they let me go home. My mother told the nice man she could not afford to pay, but the nice man said that was all right, that was what the hospital was for-to make poor sick babies well and happy.

"I did hear them say, though, when they thought I was asleep, that I had been so long in the hospital I had cost it over \$200, and the surgeon man did not ask anything either. Do you think it paid? I

don't care what you think. I know it did. Just look at me now."

She was quite a little girl, and she had a tubercular hip. Several times, when she began to think she was "going to be all well now," she had had to go back to bed to have the dreaded extension put on. After the last trial the nurse heard her scolding her dolly, who evidently had been very naughty: "Oh, you bad dolly," said the little mother. "If you ever do that again I'll put a 'stension on you, and then you'll be sorry you was so bad."

Mike lived in a dingy basement with the rest of his large family. One day he managed to break his leg, and a kindly visitor got him into the hospital as a free patient. In the course of time Mike returned to his home. The kindly visitor, who called some days later, was sorry to find a younger brother in tears. "What is the matter, Jim?" she asked, "Did you hurt yourself?"
"Naw," answered Jim.

"What is it, then?"

"Wish I could hurt myself," muttered Jim. "What for?" naturally asked the amazed visitor.

"'Cause then maybe they'd send me to the horspital. Mike says he

had chicken and ice cream every day."

Extract from a letter from the father of one of our patients who was with his son during his last sickness in the hospital, written July

9, 1909:

"We reached home in good condition, in spite of the heat, and were met there, ves, at the car door in Boston, by loving friends, doing all they could for us. And yet we remembered the lesson of kindness to us-strangers until then—which our boy's friends, who made themselves our own, gave us from first to last of our stay there. I hope we shall always be the better for it.

"It is common for people to say in times of affliction, or in letters of sympathy, that these things amount to little. We have never found it so. Human words and acts of kindness count for a great deal—let gleams of beautiful light into the darkest days that we have met.

"And so we wish to express to you, and to ask you, as occasion offers, to let our other friends near you feel that we were helped and strengthened through those anxious days, and in the end also, by the friendly

acts and words so generously lavished upon us.

"And to you particularly, I wish to repeat what I think I told you in Chicago, that the admirable resources of your hospital have made a great difference to us. Nothing could have been more perfect than the care of William by all concerned in it, and the excellence of the hospital showed itself. We feel that his doctors and nurses were devoted, wise and resourceful, and their keeping him along against the malignant quality of his infection was wonderful."

* * * RULES

1. Patients suffering from severe accidents or serious illness shall be admitted to the Hospital at any hour of the day or night.

2. Other patients shall be admitted between 9 o'clock A, M. and 5

o'clock P. M.

They must apply in person at the office of the Hospital, when they will be examined by the Medical Superintendent of the Hospital or some other physician or surgeon appointed by him for that purpose.

In case the patient cannot apply in person, the Medical Superintendent shall satisfy himself that the case is a proper one for the Hospital, before

admission can be granted.

- 3. Any physician or surgeon may send to the Hospital such pay patients as may be properly admitted, but no patient shall be admitted to any of the endowed beds, except by the permission of the Superintendent, or upon the recommendation of a member of the Board of Managers, signed by the President.
- 4. Applications for the admission of patients must be accompanied by a certificate of a physician or some reputable persons in their neighborhood, if not recommended by a member of the Medical Board, and in no instance shall a patient who is able to pay be admitted without such a certificate.
- 5. No patient shall be allowed to remain in the Hospital longer than three months, except upon the recommendation of the attending physican or surgeon.

FREE BEDS AND MEMBERS

The donation of \$10,000 entitles the donor to designate a room in the Private Pavilion which shall be named as desired by the donor and remain as a perpetual memorial.

A donation of one hundred dollars or more constitutes the donor a life member of the institution.

A yearly donation of ten dollars constitutes an annual member.

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Patients Admitted During the Year Males, over 12 years of age. Females, over 12 years of age. Children, 12 years of age and under— Children's Department	1,468 1,452 588 109
-	3,617
Classified	3,017
Patients admitted in private rooms	908
Patients admitted in wards	
Attendants (relatives of patients)	100
-	2617
	3,617
Medical	
Surgical	1.467
Obstetrical	153
Attendants (relatives of patients)	508
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	3,617
Patients Discharged	
Cured	1,739
Improved	960
Unimproved For diagnosis and short treatment.	146 254
Attendants (relatives of patients)	100
Died	201
Remaining in Hospital	208
Total	- 6
	3,017
Days' Treatment of Patients Number of days of full-pay patients	0 668
Number of days of part-pay patients	20,000
Number of days of entirely free patients	0.440
Number of days of attendants	558
Total days' treatment	51,356
Miscellaneous	
Average length of stay of patients	. 17
Largest number of patients at any one time	
Number of deaths	
Percentage of deaths	
Number of ambulance trips	392
Number of surgical operations	1,983
Number of dressings given patients after leaving Hospital	3.438
Number of X-Ray skiagraphs	725
Number of X-Ray treatments given	395

Charity Work in Hospital

Part-pay patients, days' treatment30,690
Entirely free patients, days' treatment
Free dressings given patients after leaving Hospital
Free and part pay X-Ray skiagraphs
Free X-Ray treatments
Free operations (free use of operating room)303
Charity District Work
Patients treated free in their homes who were too poor to pay for
doctor or nurse.
Calls made by Hospital doctors and nurses
Obstetrical cases
Births IIO
Deaths
Total cost of charity work\$79,469.79
Receipts from patients\$147,574.84
Disbursements (Hospital operating expenses)\$165,769.06
Daily cost per capita\$2.63
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Following is a list of the internes who have left the hospital in the past year and where located:

Dr. Roscoe Whitman, who is located at Morris, Ill., with the Drs.

Palmers.

Dr. E. E. Ewing, assistant to Dr. Percey of Galesburg, Ill.

Dr. Herbert B. Saylor, who has taken the practice of Dr. Monroe of Merrill, Wis.

Dr. Addison E. Elliott, assistant to Dr. Thomas E. Roberts of Oak

Park, Ill.

Dr. J. H. Breyer is about to assume the duties of medical superintendent to a tuberculosis sanitarium being built by Dr. Norman Bridge, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Dr. F. J. Saam, who is in charge of the Fabiola Hospital at Eve-

leth, Minn.

Dr. Guy F. Bliss, recently married to Miss Edith Smith of Oskaloosa, Ia., is in general practice at Three Rivers, Mich.

Dr. Ben Childs, located at Keithsburg, Ill.

Dr. Walter Hamburger has spent nearly a year in Germany and is about to return to start practice in Chicago.

Dr. Ransom Bernard is located at Elkader, la.

Dr. Roy F. Buffum, lately married to Miss Bess Packer, is practicing in Toulon, Ill.

Mrs. H. H. Belfield, 5738 Washington Avenue, will be pleased to receive items of interest for the Bulletin.